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Parks As Classrooms
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Grades K-5



Enjoy a National Park experience!
All Programs are FREE!
Limited transportation available.



Into the Redwood Forest

National Parks in the City? Yes!

Welcome to Parks As Classrooms at the Golden Gate National Parks. From fragile native habitats to historic landmarks, ancient redwood groves to dramatic coastal preserve, the parks' value as an urban education resource is unsurpassed.

Award-winning, curriculum-based programs help students achieve academically, stimulate professional growth for teachers, and encourage students to understand and address major environmental and cultural issues, both in their communities and in national parks. Programs include classroom lessons, on-site hands-on learning, and culminating activities in which students transfer new knowledge and skills to their school community.

Join us for a national park experience!

Note: Park education programs average 2 hours.

Programs with required Teacher Workshops

Intertidal Trash Bash

Grades 3-5

Introduce your class to the concepts of reduce, reuse, and recycle during a beach clean-up. A day at Ocean Beach can suddenly spark a sense of wonder and caring about marine environments in your students. They have fun using observational and critical-thinking skills to solve ecological puzzles in the classroom and along the shoreline. Each year, Trash Bash kids prevent thousands of pounds of garbage from entering the ocean. The biggest impact on students comes from the lessons they learn about reducing the amount of garbage they create at home, and the connection between their actions and the prevention of marine pollution in their communities and national parks.

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Grades 3-5

Your class discovers the magic of Muir Woods National Monument, which preserves one of the last remaining old-growth forests in the Bay Area. The program weaves science, art, and journaling to introduce students to Muir Woods' history and habitats. Students collect and organize data, link plant and animal communities within the forest, and represent these interdependent communities through artistic explorations, such as drawings and three-dimensional models.

Find out more information at our web site:
www.nps.gov/goga/education

"The activities they did complemented the classroom lessons but also gave them hands-on experiences. This was such a fabulous trip. The kids really learned a lot."

--Alison Kwan,
kindergarten teacher



Sensible Habitats

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Grades K-2

Ever kiss a banana slug? From hillside to bayside, the environment around Fort Point National Historic Site displays an intriguing diversity of plant and animal life. Applying the senses, students engage in activities that help them develop an appreciation for terrestrial and aquatic habitats. They observe, describe, compare, and experience the wildlife to be found, from songbirds to rock crabs and all the little creatures in between.

Programs without Teacher Workshops

Artillery, Bricks & Company
Grades 3-5

Why does San Francisco have the only massive brick seacoast fortification on the West Coast? At the height of the Gold Rush, Fort Point was built and garrisoned with soldiers ordered to protect the city, its harbor, and the maritime resources that sailed through it. Activities and observations help students uncover 1850s San Francisco through the daily lives of soldiers and laundresses, the intricate work of stonemasons, and medical practices before the germ theory was understood. For reservations, please call (415) 561-4396.

"The program was a high point of the year. Becoming nature detectives allowed these city kids the chance to hear noises no louder than a rushing creek and to work together to relate to the natural world."

--Kay Kirman, 5th grade teacher

Nature's Classroom
Grades K-5

Your students travel on an inquired-based journey through Muir Woods and other natural communities along the Redwood Creek Watershed. They consider the interrelationships of the forest communities and record their observations in journals. For reservations, please call (415) 388-2596.

Petal Pushers
Grades K-5

Students unearth the secrets of indigenous plant communities in the Fort Funston nursery. After visiting the greenhouse, they perform important nursery tasks. They come away with a better understanding of their link to the food chain, the purpose of habitat protection, and slightly greener thumbs. For reservations, please call 239-4247.

"My students loved it and they learned so much. They have a respect and appreciation for the forest that would not be possible without this program."

--Michelle Friscia,
3rd grade teacher

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Intertidal Trash Bash



Artillery, Bricks & Co.

Additional Opportunities

Crissy Field Center, located on the Presidio of San Francisco, reaffirms and strengthens the NPS's commitment to quality K through 12 education. The Center offers multicultural programs that actively engage us with our environments and promote collaborations in building a more sustainable and environmentally just society.

www.crissyfield.org

How to Register
Complete registration form.
Mail completed registration form to
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FAX (415) 561-4750

School Program Registration Form

Teacher _____
School _____
Grade _____
Number of Students _____
Number of Chaperones _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
School Phone _____
Home Phone _____
Email _____

K-5 Workshop Dates

- Into the Redwood Forest (1/10/04)
- Sensible Habitats (9/24/03 or 1/28/04)

Programs

1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____

Do your students have any special needs--
language, accessibility, etc?
If so, please detail:

Confirmation

Directions and additional program information
will be included with your confirmation letter.